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Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Non-compliant Amendment" mailed 7/23/2004 (copy enclosed), the claim amendments of Amendment 4 dated 7/9/2004 are resubmitted with previously withdrawn claims 1-9 included.